

The regular weekly meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date in the Commissioners Meeting Room with the following being present: Commissioners Kough Pittenger, Hoover, and Fluke; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Adam Miller, EMA Director; Sandra McNeal, Elections Coordinator; Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; George Germann, The Daily News; and visitors Bruce Pergament, Eugene Goshorn, Tim Speck, Valerie Burnett, Pat Kepple, Charlie Colman, Travis Cramer, Joan and Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Hoover followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Fluke and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Hoover.

There were no additions or corrections to the January 11th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the January 11th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the last two weeks.

There was one addition to the agenda, which is the Certification of County Funds. The item will be addressed later in the meeting.

Comments were offered today by Valerie Burnett and Pat Kepple. They addressed Commissioner Fluke on the recent denial of the EZ Loan for Michelle Drebelbis. Joan Cassatt offered comment on the Curves issue as well. Joan feels Commissioner Fluke made his decision based on the best interest of the tax payers. She feels his decision was neither personal nor political. She also stated the County should not be in a lending position. Comment was also offered by Travis Cramer. He presented a right to know request for information to the Board. Bruce Pergament offered comment on the history for the Curves franchise.

First on the agenda today was Adam Miller, EMA Director. Adam presented a request to hire Jennifer Hetrick to fill the vacancy left by Jayme Houck's resignation. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to hire Jennifer Hetrick as Operations and Training officer contingent upon approval of the Salary board.

Adam also announced that he recently applied for and received \$7,283.00 under Fiscal year 2010-2011 Hazard Materials Response fund Grant Program. This money will be used to continue providing hazardous material supplies and equipment to the County.

Adam also informed the Commissioners that he was recently nominated to become a member of the Science and Technology SubGroup of the InterAgency Board for Equipment Standardization and Interoperability. This is a national board and their primary focus is to strengthen the Nations ability to prepare for and respond effectively to emergencies and/or disasters. This is a great honor and the Commissioners commended Adam on his nomination. Additionally, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to support Adam in his participation with the InterAgency Board.

Sandra McNeal provided the Commissioners and the public with a primary election schedule. She reviewed the offices that will be up for election this year, the petition procedure and deadline dates. She also reviewed the process of changing your name, address or political party via the internet.

Richard Stahl and Maureen Safko presented the Commissioners with several documents to be signed related to the energy improvement projects at the Shirley Home. These projects were bid

out last year and came in much higher than anticipated. In order to complete the most energy efficient projects, Maureen and Rich suggested nullifying a contract previously awarded to Southern contractors for insulation of the Sunroom at the Shirley Home. Doing so will free up \$38,766.00 to be put towards the two contracts she is seeking approval on today. Maureen has contacted Southern Contractors, who was the low bidder on all three jobs and they are willing to nullify the previous contract. The work to be completed under these two contracts includes mini-split systems, pipe insulation, radiator control valves and the installation of a propane water heater. All of this work must be completed by May 28th, 2011.

The first document was a notice of intent to award the general contract to Southern Contractors. That contract amount is \$24,991.00. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to award the general contract to Southern Contractors. This is contingent upon the nullification of the previous contract for the Sunroom insulation.

The second document was notice of intent to award the mechanical contract to Southern Contractors in the amount of \$181,598.00. This is also contingent upon the nullification of the Sunroom insulation contract. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to award the mechanical contract to Southern Contractors.

Action was also required to nullify the previous contract with Southern Contractors for the Sunroom insulation. Maureen has received verbal approval from Southern Contractors on the nullification but she is waiting on written approval. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to enter into an agreement to nullify this contract with Southern Contractors.

Richard also requested the adoption of Resolution 1-2011. This Resolution was to certify County funds for the Department of Agriculture's Clean and Green funds in the amount of \$3,278.00. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to adopt Resolution 1-2011.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary